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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES  
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Prices received for American apples at the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, September 21, show a distinct improvement over those prevailing one week ago, according to a cable received in the United States Department of Agriculture from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Marketing Specialist in Europe. Virginia Jonathans which were in light supply again topped the market but at considerably lower levels for the best quality fruit, "Virginia Early Export" in good condition bringing only from \$7.30 to \$3.52 per barrel as compared with \$6.03 to \$9.61 per barrel last week. The prices paid for Jonathans of an inferior quality, however, ranged from \$5.84 to \$7.30 per barrel as compared with \$4.68 to \$5.47 per barrel last week. Mr. Smith states that there are indications of a continued good demand for Virginia Jonathans.

All other varieties except Virginia Yellow Newtowns sold at higher prices, the increase ranging from 25 cents to 70 cents a barrel. Virginia King Davids, for example, sold readily at from \$5.84 to \$6.33 per barrel as against \$4.38 to \$5.60 per barrel last week. An improvement is also to be noted in the demand for Virginia York Imperials. Supplies of that variety were liberal but they sold readily at from \$6.33 to \$6.81 per barrel as compared with \$4.87 to \$6.08 per barrel last week. The main reason for the drop in the prices paid for Yellow Newtowns is the fact that much of the fruit was immature, lacking in color and of poor eating quality. Although only in light supply, there was practically no demand for Yellow Newtowns during the auction.

Virginia Grimes Golden and Ben Davis were in moderate supply. Although the demand for these varieties was somewhat slow they brought 50 cents a barrel more than last week. Many of the Grimes were in an overripe condition while the condition of the Ben Davis was generally variable. Notwithstanding that fact Grimes in slack condition brought from \$4.87 to \$5.35 as compared with \$4.38 to \$4.87 paid for fruit in good condition last week. Ben Davis in good condition ranged from \$4.87 to \$5.60 as against \$4.38 to \$5.11 the previous week. There was a light demand for Virginia Stayman Winesaps, fruit in good condition selling at from \$5.35 to \$6.33 per barrel as compared with \$5.60 to \$5.72 last week. Only light supplies of this variety were available on the market. Baldwins were also only in light supply but sold slowly at from \$4.87 to \$5.35 as against \$3.71 to \$4.87 last week. There was practically no demand for the light supplies of New York Wealthys available for the auction. Much of this fruit was in an overripe condition.

American cargoes of Grimes, King Davids and New York Wealthys were arriving in splendid condition toward the end of the week, states Mr. Smith. New York Bartlett pears and Oregon prunes, however, were arriving overripe and with a slight amount of decay. The demand for pears is being weakened by the recent heavy arrivals, states Mr. Smith. The demand for Florida grapefruit, which is retailing at about 25 cents a pound, is dull at the present time.



There are many home grown apples on the English market now, states Mr. Smith. The different markets in general are over supplied with home grown cooking apples which are selling mostly for from 74 cents to \$1.46 per bushel. Dessert apples are retailing at from 8 cents to 12 cents per pound and cooking apples at 6 cents.

The following table gives the prices of American fruit at the Liverpool auction on September 14 and 21, 1927.

Prices of American fruit on the Liverpool Auction, Wednesday,  
September 14 and 21, 1927

Variety and grades	Origin	Price	
		Sept. 14, 1927	Sept. 21, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Apples:			
York Imperials, "Early Export"	Virginia	\$4.78 - 6.08	\$6.33 - 6.31
Inferior fruit " "	"	a/	4.87 - 6.08
Bonum, " "	"	5.35 - 6.33	5.60 - 6.57
Grimes Golden " "	"	4.38 - 4.87	4.87 - 5.35
King David " "	"	4.38 - 5.60	5.84 - 6.33
Stayman Winesap " "	"	5.60 - 5.72	5.35 - 6.33
Rome Beauty " "	"	4.26 - 5.35	a/
Yellow Newtowns " "	"	3.71 - 4.87	3.65 - 4.44 b/
Ben Davis " "	"	4.38 - 5.11	4.87 - 5.60
Baldwins " "	"	3.71 - 4.87	4.87 - 5.35
Jonathans " "	"	6.08 - 9.61	7.30 - 8.52
Inferior fruit " "	"	4.68 - 5.47	5.84 - 7.30
Wealthy " "	New York	2.07 - 3.22b/	3.71 - 4.87 b/
Gravensteins:		Per box	Per box
Fancy 163/175	California	2.68 - 2.92	a/
Fancy 188/smaller	"	1.95 - 3.10	a/
Gravensteins	New England	1.04 - 1.58	a/
Wealthy	"	1.04 - 1.50	a/
Pears:			
D'Anjou	California	5.11 - 5.72	4.87
Comice	"	a/	6.08 - 6.93
Hardy	"	5.11 - 5.72	4.87 - 5.60
Bartlett	"	a/	3.89
Bartlett, Extra Fancy 150/180	Oregon	4.87	a/
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Bartlett	New York	4.87 - 7.66	4.62 - 7.91
Prunes:		Per case	Per case
"Suitcase"	Oregon	1.58	1.08 - 1.34
Others	"	a/	1.70
Grapefruit	Jamaica	a/	11.44

a/ None quoted in cable. b/ Poor condition.

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